

In the Specification

Applicants present replacement paragraph indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts.

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 4, line 17 with the amended paragraph/line as follows:

Problems to be solved by the Invention

Accordingly, the object of the present invention is to impart a hydrophilic property to the polyamide fiber which constitutes the papermaking felt thereby preventing the deposition and accumulation of adhesive contaminants (particularly ~~hydrophilic~~ hydrophobic ones), and to sustain such antifouling capability for a long period of time with out impairing the compression recoverability of the papermaking felt and thereby maintaining the functions such as water drainage, wet-paper smoothness, and wet paper web transport capability throughout its entire service period.